

Lewis House
Rocky Mount vicinity
Nash County
North Carolina

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Owner: I. D. Thorpe

Date of erection: Said to be 1839, but would seem to be c. 1810

Present condition: Good, somewhat altered

Description:

Brick, laid in Flemish bond; two full stories above high basement; hipped roof; inside end chimneys. The present portico is modern. Facade five bays, center door with arched transom. Basement windows 9/6, first and second floors 9/9. Side elevation four bays with pairs of windows centering on chimneys.

Plan: center hall, broadened at rear, and two rooms on either side. All trim original and some features noteworthy, including a double stair with curved flights. These start on either side of the hall opposite the rear door and join in a balcony in the center above.

Additional data:

Said to have been built by Bennett Bunn in 1839, but the delicate detail of the woodwork and the fine craftsmanship point to an earlier date. Long the home of the Lewis family, it fell into use as a tenant house and has recently been reconditioned and purchased by I. D. Thorpe of Rocky Mount.

Reference: North Carolina Guide, p. 320

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